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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: SHOHAM, MOSHE  
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For: MINIATURE BONE-  
ATTACHED SURGICAL  
ROBOT

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2002. The shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on March 23, 2003. Please enter the following remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 36-44 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A surgical system, comprising:  
a surgical robot for manipulating a surgical tool to a surgical site with precise  
positioning during a surgical procedure;  
an attachment member configured and dimensioned to attach the surgical  
robot to a bone associated with said surgical site;  
a controller programmed prior to said surgical procedure to direct the robot to  
position the surgical tool at the surgical site; and  
wherein said robot comprises at least 3 actuators mounted on a base  
member, said actuator being configured for at least translational or rotational movement.